



## **Infrastructure and Community Services Committee Minutes from 1 June 2023**

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- Present:** Councillor Aidan Ellims (Chair) Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter, Mayor Martin Connelly, Councillors Pip Maynard (via Zoom), Alistair Plimmer, Martin Bosley (in person, then via Zoom from 12:18pm), Aaron Woodcock and Rebecca Gray (via Zoom; until 1:39pm).
- In attendance:** Councillor Colin Olds.
- Also in Attendance:** Paul Gardner (Interim Chief Executive), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager, Partnerships & Operations), James O'Connor (Partnerships and Operations Manager), Robyn Wells (Principal Advisor-Water Transition), Sheil Priest (General Manager Communications) and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor). Adam Mattson (Programme Delivery Lead South Wairarapa) Fariz Rahman and Alexei Murashev (WSP Consultants), Kara Atkinson (Street Lighting), Charles Barker (Wellington Water)
- Public Forum:** Allan Hogg, Charlotte Harding, Don McCreary and Grant Muir.
- Conduct of Business:** This meeting was held in public in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, 62 Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference from 10.00am to 2:13pm. This meeting was live-streamed is available to view on our YouTube channel.
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### **Open Section**

**A1. Karakia Timatanga - Opening**

Mayor Connelly opened the meeting.

**A2. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**A3. Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest.

**A4. Public Participation**

**Allan Hogg and Charlotte Harding – Martinborough Business Association**

Mr Hogg, supported by Ms Harding, spoke in support of the SH53 proposal and noted the preference of local businesses was have local control of the road. Challenges to event management and road closures. Mr Hogg and Ms Harding responded to queries from members, including: whether Waka Kotahi had ever declined an application or activity refused, clarification of a previous proposal pedestrianisation (Princes Street), whether rural

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businesses are included in supporting this proposal (costs to rural ratepayers), the current costs to businesses, percentages of businesses in Martinborough supporting this proposal. Cr Ellims made note of Action 117 – that a report has been requested.

**Ngahuia Barrs and Mark Guscott – Martinborough Primary School**

Ms Barrs and Mr Guscott spoke in support of the SH53 proposal, which they said would alleviate issues relating to safety, time and money in relation to event management (*Round the Vines*). Ms Barrs and Mr Guscott responded to queries from members, including: whether they talked to Council about current issues in relation to traffic management and Waka Kotahi’s application process for traffic management.

**Don McCreary – Hinekura resident**

Mr McCreary spoke in support of Hinekura Road realignment including the current state of the road, temporary track access, the proposed construction and testing yet to occur, issues regarding slumps and water drainage, and needs of the Hinekura community. Mr McCreary responded to queries from members including further slips and if the road close to Mr McCreary’s residence is continuing to drop.

**Grant Muir – Hinekura resident**

Mr Muir spoke in support of the Hinekura Road realignment and commented on the maintenance of the road over the past 5-10 years, issues relating to flooding and culverts, and the ongoing impact on businesses and events, and water tables. Members queried maintenance of water tables.

**A5. Actions from public participation**

Action 209: To schedule a workshop to outline conditions of contract and alternatives on the future of Ruamāhanga Roads.

Action 210: To request officers provide cost/benefit analysis relating to the SH53 proposal (with Martinborough Business Association), and the Hinekura Road realignment (economic impact on community).

Cr Plimmer left at 11:02am.

Cr Plimmer returned at 11:04am

Noted: the Hinekura Road realignment would be discussed as part of item B1 and the SH53 proposal would be discussed in item E3.

**A6. Extraordinary Business**

*INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/11)* resolved to seek clarification from S Corbett about funding for remediation of flooding at Supa Value, Featherston as reported in the Wairarapa Times Age on 20 May 2023.

This item cannot be delayed until the next committee meeting due to high level of public interest within Featherston; this is the first opportunity for the committee to discuss the issue. The extraordinary business will be added to agenda item B1.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Woodcock)

Carried

**A7. Minutes For Confirmation**

*INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/12)* that the minutes of the Infrastructure and Community Services meeting held on 13 April 2023 are a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Sadler Futter/Seconded Cr Plimmer)

Carried

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**A8. Matters arising from previous minutes**

There were no matters raised from the previous minutes.

**B Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff**

**B1. Update from the Partnerships and Operations Group**

Mr Corbett spoke to matters in the report. Mr Corbett responded to member's queries relating to Hinekura Road realignment options (preferred option from officers, which option is more at risk of slippage, estimated costs, the quickest solution to support the community, issues relating to water tables and movement of the terrain, do the locals have information to assess risks for themselves, risk assessments prior to construction, provision of updates to Council).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02pm.

Cr Bosley left during the break.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:12pm.

Cr Bosely returned via Zoom at 12:18pm.

Mr Corbett responded to member's queries relating to the project for lighting in the Martinborough Square, Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant I&I issues and processing of wastewater.

Extraordinary business item: Mr Corbett provided clarification that the funding for remediation of flooding at Supa Value, Featherston as reported in the Wairarapa Times Age on 20 May 2023 would be applied to study and investigate the flooding, not repairs.

*INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/13) to:*

1. Recommend to Council to advance Hinekura Road option 3 to risk assessment and preliminary engineering design and plans with a more sophisticated estimate of costs.

*(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Mayor Connelly)*

Carried

2. Note the early warning of an issue that we are dealing with in the Featherston WWTP Consent Project. The issue relates to increased infiltration rates for the plant.

3. Note the Martinborough Pedestrian Lighting project is on track to commence in Financial Year 2023/24 as planned, and a costed business case is in draft.

[Items 2-3 read together]

*(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Sadler Futter )*

Carried

**B2. Martinborough Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance and Capacity Issues**

Mr Corbett spoke to matters in the report, supported by Ms Wells, Mr Mattson and Mr Barker. Members queried funding to support operational costs, and timeframe for the review (next committee meeting).

Cr Gray left the meeting at 12:40pm.

Cr Gray returned at 12:56pm.

*INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/14) to:*

1. Approve that management commence a joint review at a CE level between SWDC and WWL into the circumstances under which the plant had new connections suspended.

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2. Approve that management extend the review to recommend improvements to project management, governance and reporting to reduce the likelihood of a similar event happening in the future.

Items 1-2 read together

*(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Cr Plimmer)*

Carried

3. Note an urgent health check of our other wastewater treatment plants is underway by Wellington Water with a report back date of 31 May 2023.
4. Note that urgent work is underway to confirm a compliance plan to bring the plant into consent as fast as possible.

Items 3-4 read together

*(Moved Cr Sadler Futter / Seconded Cr Woodcock)*

Carried

### **B3. Better Off Funding – Project Substitution Decision**

Mr Corbett spoke to matters included in the report. Members queried possible recommendations to Council, priorities at other sites, and alternative sources of funding for the project, timeframes and constraints for use of the funds.

Cr Plimmer left the meeting at 1:04pm

Cr Plimmer returned to the meeting at 1:05pm

Members discussed the need for further strategic planning sessions and workshops to support work going forward. Mr Gardner noted several workshops are being planned in July/August 2023, including water and RMA reform.

Action 215: To request Council Officers organise a tour for Council members on key facilities to support knowledge and understanding of infrastructure and assets.

*INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/15) to:*

1. Receives the *Better Off Funding – Project Substitution Report*.

*(Moved Mayor Connelly / Seconded Cr Maynard)*

Carried

2. Request Council Officers provide a full report on *Better Off Funding* to Council meeting on 7 June, including options for debt funding; to be included as an extraordinary business item.

*(Moved Cr Plimmer/ Seconded Cr Woodcock)*

Carried

## **C Information Reports from Chief Executive and Staff**

### **C1. Action Items**

There were no comments or updates on the action items.

Cr Gray left the meeting 1:39pm.

## **D Chairperson's Report**

### **D1. Report from Councillor Ellims, Infrastructure and Community Services Committee Chair**

Members commented on the Council facilities in Greytown (accessibility and current usage) and Mr Corbett stated the process to lease the First Masonic Hall has been paused.

Regarding customer satisfaction, Mr Gardner spoke to the lessons learned review and current customer reporting channels.

*INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/16) to receive the Chairperson's Report.*

*(Moved Cr Ellims/Seconded Cr Plimmer)*

Carried

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**E Member's Report**

**E1. Report from Mayor Connelly – SH53 Proposal**

Mayor Connelly spoke to matters included in the report. Members queried costs and a previous request for report on SH53 termination, traffic management for civic events and commercial events.

Action 117 reworded: To request a report from officers on the process, costs/benefit and ongoing liability of requesting Waka Kotahi to terminate SH53 at the entrance to Martinborough for the ICS meeting scheduled on 23 November 2023.

Mayor Connelly withdrew the report.

**F Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing**

Cr Sadler-Futter closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 2:13pm.

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....(Chair)

.....(Date)

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